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# He Matched Wits With Foes' Best

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WASHINGTON — The tall man in the rumpled tweeds looks so much like a mellowed college professor with his white hair, white mustache, spectacles, ever-present pipe, that it does not seem unusual that his career should be ending in the same unaccustomed manner as a professor's — with retirement.

The man in question is Allen W. Dulles, 63-year-old director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who is retiring soon. He will be succeeded by John A. McCone, 59-year-old former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Considering the fact that Dulles has made a career of espionage, it seems something of a miracle that he has managed to reach retirement age without having long ago met a sudden, violent end.

The brother of the late secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, insists that he has never been shot at. Nor has anyone so far as he knows ever attempted to kidnap him, he adds.

His escape from physical harm must be put down more to good luck than to any effort on his part to avoid danger spots.

IN SWITZERLAND during World War II, for instance, where he first developed his reputation as America's master spy, he led a cloak and dagger life as exciting and full of potential hazards as that of the hero in an Alfred Hitchcock film.

He matched wits daily with Gestapo agents, as chief representative of the Office of Strategic Services in Switzerland, and operated an espionage network that reached right into the upper ranks of the Hitler government.

Among his more spectacular achievements:

- **HE TIPPED OFF** Washington six months in advance of the plot to assassinate the Fuehrer.

- **HE PROVIDED** the first information on the German rockets that were being tested at Peenemuende.

- **HE NEGOTIATED** the surrender of the German armies in Italy shortly before the war's end.

IT WAS a strange career for a preacher's son and one he did not dream of following when he was graduated from Princeton in 1914.

His first inclination was toward the field of diplomacy, and he spent 10 years in the State Department, unable to support an increasing family on the low salary paid at state in those days; he left to join the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, where his older brother, Foster, was working.

Allen got a minor taste of espionage work in Switzerland during World War I as a young State Department employee charged with setting up contacts in the Balkans and the Austria-Hungarian empire.

His return to a major espionage job there in 1942 was intended only as an interlude to his law career, to which he did go back after the war ended.

But espionage, by then had become, his first love. And when President Truman sent for him in 1950 to take over as deputy director of CIA and implement a report he had previously prepared on how to



CIA Director Allen W. Dulles

... he made the agency professional

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improve its functioning, he knew that he had found his true niche.

Three years later he became, in contrast to the non-professionals who had preceded him in the job, the first career head of CIA.

UNDER McCONE, there probably will be some changes made at CIA, which has been in President Kennedy's doghouse ever since the CIA-backed Cuban rebels failed in their attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro.

There were no mitigating circumstances about the Cuban flop as there were about the U-2 incident of a year ago.

In the U-2 case, the CIA could answer its critics that the secret flights over the Soviet Union for four years had produced a wealth of vital pictures and recordings, whatever the diplomatic damage connected with the May Day loss of the plane on the eve of a Summit conference with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

DULLES, however, has had some triumphs as noteworthy as his failures.

The CIA, for instance, supplied the tip that led to apprehension in 1957 of Col. Rudolph Abel, a Russian spy who was operating an espionage net out of Brooklyn.

Two years before that, the CIA dug a clandestine tunnel in Berlin and tapped Soviet telephone and teletype lines for months before the Russians found out.

Perhaps Dulles' greatest accomplishment is that he has done what he set out to do—made the CIA a professional service.

The overall quality of its personnel is very high for government.

And whatever its fault at evaluating its reports, it has earned a reputation for intelligence gathering that ranks with the best of the old world pros across the water.